



# ANNUAL REPORT



## Public Health Challenges for the New Millennium

This past year has been a busy one for your community's public health. As you will see from the data and reports on the following pages, we had a banner year - full of activity and accomplishment.

This Annual Report, which chronicles our Department's achievements and services for the past year, illustrates the myriad of programs and initiatives that our community shares with its government. As we begin to close the century and prepare for the new millennium, it is a particularly good time to pause and reflect on our achievements and needs in public health.

Last year's Healthy People 2000 Report Card helped us to focus on the successes we have made to date as well as to contemplate some unfinished items remaining on the public health agenda. Working in partnership with local agencies, the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department helped move our community towards a healthier home for our citizenry.

It is therefore with much appreciation for past accomplishments and with eager optimism towards our future public health that we look forward to the new decade. With the Year 2000, we envision great promise and excitement. This new beginning dovetails nicely with the release of the Healthy People 2010: Community Health Objectives.

We are challenged to do more!

We are challenged to work harder!

We are challenged to make our community the healthiest in the nation by reaching the 2010 Objectives.

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